

Arts Commission 2016 Annual Report

2016 Commission Members

Elizabeth Lunsford, Secretary	Position 1	Expires 12/31/18
Maryellen Walsh	Position 2	Expires 12/31/18
Craig van den Bosch, Vice Chair	Position 3	Expires 12/31/16
Kathleen Moore	Position 4	Expires 12/31/16
Paul Richards	Position 5	Expires 12/31/16
Lynn Hanson	Position 6	Expires 12/31/17
Adam Segalla, Chair	Position 7	Expires 12/31/17
Councilmember M. Christopher Boyer	City Council Liaison	

Arts Commission and the Annual Report

The Lynnwood Arts Commission was established on February 1, 1988 (Ordinance No. 1605). Ordinance No. 1724, which repealed portions of Ordinance 1605 related to length of terms, was adopted on October 23, 1989. Lynnwood Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 2.26 provides the general organizational and procedural provisions was updated on August 10, 2015 (Ordinance NO. 3150).

The Arts Commission serves as an “advisory body” to the City of Lynnwood. The Commission’s duties include advising and making recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, staff and other Boards and Commissions in the City of Lynnwood with regard to arts and creative activities in the city, furthering the learning in creativity and the arts, and other duties directed by the Mayor.

This Annual Report provides a summary of the Art Commission’s work during the year, including significant discussion issues, actions and recommendations. It is intended primarily for the Mayor and City Council, but may also be of interest to other commissions, organizations and individuals who may have an interest in the arts and the creative life in Lynnwood.

The Commission’s Mission is to support universal access to diverse arts to enrich our community’s quality of life and economic vitality by:

- Advocating for lifelong learning in creativity and the arts.
- Promoting artists and arts opportunities.
- Encouraging openness and inclusion.
- Building community and a sense of place.

41 **Committee Assignments**

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Com. Lunsford	History & Heritage Board Liaison Program Committee
Com. Walsh	Program Committee
Com. van den Bosch	PRCA Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Lynnwood Convention Center Art Committee Program Committee Gallery & Exhibit Committee Public Art Collection CityCenter Apartments Public Art Ad Hoc Committee
Com. Moore	Gallery & Exhibit Committee
Com. Richards	Gallery & Exhibit Committee Cultural Arts Plan Ad Hoc Committee
Com. Hanson	Gallery & Exhibit Committee Public Art Collection
Com. Segalla	City Hall Improvement Public Art Collection CityCenter Apartments Public Art Ad Hoc Committee Cultural Arts Plan Ad Hoc Committee

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44 Commission members attended various meetings throughout the year to advocate for department
45 initiatives.

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47 **Monthly Summary of Activities and Accomplishments**

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49 **January 19, 2016**

- 50 ✓ Four citizens Maryellen Walsh, Jeffrey B Miller, Lynn Hanson, Robert Gutcheck applied for 2 open
- 51 positions.
- 52 ✓ Com. Segalla elected as Chair for 2016.
- 53 ✓ Com. Lunsford elected as Secretary for 2016.
- 54 ✓ Discussion on PARC plan & Cultural Arts plan.
- 55 ✓ Discussion on summer programming, City Hall remodel, Rec Center exhibits, Wrap project, stories
- 56 project.

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58 **February 16, 2016**

- 59 ✓ Updates on Poplar Bridge project (Nick Barnett and Jeff Elekes from Public Works)
- 60 ✓ Discussion of creating city promotional items with Julie Moore.
- 61 ✓ Approve 2015 Annual Report.
- 62 ✓ Discussion on Rec Center student art gallery and Library gallery.
- 63 ✓ Com. Lunsford is appointed as liaison to the History and Heritage Board, and Com. Moore to the
- 64 Convention Center Art Committee.

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66 **March 15, 2016**

- 67 ✓ Welcome new Arts Commissioner Maryellen Walsh & Lynn Hanson.
- 68 ✓ Discussion on Interurban Trail Improvement Planning.
- 69 ✓ Recommendations were decided for Poplar Bridge project, and to be forwarded to Public Works.
- 70 ✓ Art exhibits are moving from the library to city hall due to disruptive behavior at the library.
- 71 ✓ Updates on Wrap project: artist working with Cedar Valley School students.
- 72 ✓ Updates on summer events: Afro-Latino Festival, Community Transit bike/walk event.

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74 **Monthly Summary of Board Activities and Accomplishments (continued)**

75 76 **April 19, 2016**

- 77 ✓ Discussion with the Mayor on: Human Services Commission, budgeting for outcome, Korean Sister
- 78 City.
- 79 ✓ Briefing on Sound Transit Art (STart) – Barbara Luecke & Claudia Fitch
- 80 ✓ Updates on History and Heritage board meeting, Wrap project.
- 81 ✓ Discussion of expanding student art exhibit space at Rec Center.

82 83 **April 23, 2016 (Retreat)**

- 84 ✓ Commissioners ranked the importance of a list of projects for the next few years, and came to a
- 85 consensus that it is important to start an engagement campaign.

86 87 **May 17, 2016**

- 88 ✓ Briefing on Ubuntu Expose' – Event of NAACP Snoh Cty (Janice R. Greene, PhD)
- 89 ✓ Discussion of Arts Commission art exhibit and reception.
- 90 ✓ Review of Cultural Arts Plan / Retreat Discussion.

91 92 **May 25, 2016 (Joint Board and Commission Meeting)**

- 93 ✓ Discussion of SHRP 2 Grant.
- 94 ✓ Discussion of 2017-18 Budget Process.

95 96 **June 13, 2016 (Art Reception)**

- 97 ✓ Commissioners hosted an art reception at City Hall in conjunction of their art exhibit.

98 99 **June 21, 2016**

- 100 ✓ Wrap project is completed. Artwork created by Cedar Valley School's 6th graders were combined
- 101 into several designs to wrap the signal boxes at 196th and 58th. A successful art dedication was
- 102 held.
- 103 ✓ Updates on EdCC Maker Space, the Mayor's State of the City Address, Fire District 1, and Criminal
- 104 Justice study.
- 105 ✓ Updates on stories project, public art maintenance, summer events.
- 106 ✓ Discussion of program priorities.

107 108 **July 19, 2016**

- 109 ✓ Reports on Luminous Forest art project in Edmonds, Westlake Park activation, "Love Thy Neighbor"
- 110 Peace Rally.
- 111 ✓ Cultural Arts Plan adopted by council.
- 112 ✓ Discussion of possible art exhibits at the Senior Center
- 113 ✓ Briefing by Tourism Manager Mary Monroe of designs of City's new wayfinding and gateway signs.
- 114 ✓ Discussion of the future of the Wrap program, and how the boxes can tell stories about Lynnwood.
- 115 ✓ Updates on summer programs: Shakespeare, Afro-Latino Festival, Ubuntu Expose, "Love Your
- 116 Block" grants, and National Night Out.

117 118 **August 16, 2016**

- 119 ✓ Discussion of the bi-annual budget process.
- 120 ✓ Report on Ubuntu Expose, Fair on 44th, Latino Art Club exhibit and reception, public art
- 121 maintenance.
- 122 ✓ Briefing on 2016 Latino Art Club (WA-GRO & Julieta Altamirano-Crosby).
- 123 ✓ Briefing on Sister City Committee – gifts, art exhibit (Wally Webster). Discussion on how we can
- 124 help create a gift for our sister city Damyang, Korea.
- 125 ✓ Discussion of a future Signal Box Public Art Program.
- 126 ✓ Discussion on Shakespeare at the Park and its future.

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128 **Monthly Summary of Board Activities and Accomplishments (continued)**

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September 20, 2016

- ✓ Arts Commission attended an art reception at Lynnwood Convention Center.
- ✓ Report on success of Fair on 44th.
- ✓ Report on possible future collaboration with Rabbi Berel Paltiel and the Chabad community.
- ✓ Report on budget process, task group of police relation with people of color, new Interim Police Chief, committee to work with Fire District 1.
- ✓ Report on 2017 art exhibit call, Korean American artist exhibit.
- ✓ Discussion of Latino Art Club and its future.
- ✓ Briefing on CityCenter Apartments Public Art by Lin McJunkin and Milo White. Half size mockup was presented.
- ✓ Briefing on CityCenter Apartments progress by Carmel Gregory.
- ✓ Update on Signal Box wraps, Sister City gifts.
- ✓ Public Art maintenance of pieces on city campus is completed.

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October 18, 2016

- ✓ Council proclaimed October as National Arts and Humanities Month.
- ✓ Update on art exhibits, Sister City reception, “For the Love of Lynnwood” workshop.
- ✓ Com. Moore will not be renewing her term as a commissioner past 2016.
- ✓ Recommendation to expand the number and scope of the art exhibits to feature as many artists as possible.
- ✓ Commission juried the 2017 art exhibits.
- ✓ Update on a new wrap project of the signal boxes near the interurban trail at 40th and Alderwood Mall Blvd

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November 15, 2016

- ✓ Report on NW Veteran’s Museum, Lynnwood Link Extension Station Design Open House, For the Love of Lynnwood workshop.
- ✓ Discussion on possible community-building events and activities on 44th Ave.
- ✓ Discussion on collaborating with co-creators.
- ✓ Update on wrap project at 40th and Alderwood Mall Blvd. Discussion on the design of the graphic elements.

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December 20, 2016

- ✓ Update of History and Heritage Board meeting, Senior Center history exhibit, Community Hanukkah Celebration, Purim event.
- ✓ 2017-18 city budget has been approved with monies for programs recommended and approved by boards & commissions. Another line item is dedicated to human services related programs.
- ✓ Update on ArtPlace grant meeting.
- ✓ Briefing on “Love Your Block” Grant by Robin and Kent Westbrook. Their positive experience was shared.
- ✓ Two Arts Commission applicants introduced themselves: Beverly White, and Robert Gutcheck.
- ✓ Discussion on empowering co-creators.
- ✓ Update on Sound Transit Art and signal box wrap.
- ✓ Com. Lunsford elected as Chair for 2017.
- ✓ Com. Hanson elected as Secretary for 2017.